

19th ANNUAL CHILDREN'S NETWORK CONFERENCE

Call for Proposals

"YOUNG CHILDREN,
ADOLESCENTS, AND ADULTS:
THE AT-RISK CHAIN REACTION"

SEPTEMBER 21 & 22, 2005
ONTARIO CONVENTION CENTER
2000 CONVENTION WAY
ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA



SUBMITTAL DEADLINE:
MARCH 18, 2005

Keynote Speakers:



Jerry Moe, M.A.

Jerry is National Director of Children's Programs at the Betty Ford Center in Rancho Mirage, California, Dallas/Ft. Worth,

Texas, and Denver Colorado. An Advisory Board Member of the National Association for Children of Alcoholics, he is internationally known as an author, lecturer, and trainer on issues for young children from addicted families. Jerry received the 2000 Ackerman/Black Award from NACoA for his outstanding work on behalf of children of alcoholics, and in 1993 he was awarded the Marty Mann Award for outstanding communication in the alcoholism and addiction field. Jerry's books include: *Kids' Power: Healing Games for*

Children of Alcoholics; Conducting Support Groups for Elementary Children; Discovery...Finding the Buried Treasure; Kids' Power Too: Words to Grow By; and The Children's Place...At the Heart of Recovery.



Dr. Henry Foster, Jr.

Dr. Henry W. Foster, Jr., is Professor Emeritus and former Dean of the School of Medicine,

Meharry College and Clinical Professor, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Vanderbilt University. In 1995 he was nominated by President Bill Clinton to become US Surgeon General. Although the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee sent forward

a favorable recommendation for his confirmation, his opponents denied him an up-or-down Senate floor vote, where his confirmation was assured. Thereafter, from 1996 to 2001, Dr. Foster served as President Clinton's Senior Advisor on Teen Pregnancy Reduction and Youth Issues.

While serving as Professor and Chairman of Meharry's Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Dr. Foster spent five years as Senior Program Consultant for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and directed its Program to Consolidate Health Services for High-Risk Young People, 1981-86. From this program he conceptualized and developed the "I Have A Future Program" to reduce teen pregnancy, which was recognized by President George Bush in 1991, as one of the nation's "Thousand Points of Light."

About the Conference

The Children's Network of San Bernardino County concerns itself with "children at risk" who are defined as minors who, because of behavior, abuse, neglect, medical needs, educational assessment, and/or detrimental daily living situation, are eligible for services from one or more of the constituent agencies of the Children's Network. A variety of public and private agencies deliver a broad and occasionally confusing and sometimes, inadequate array of direct services to these children.

The overall goal of the Children's Network is to help "children at risk" by improving communication, planning, coordination and cooperation among youth serving agencies; identifying gaps and overlaps in services; providing a forum for clarifying perceptions and expectations among agencies and between agencies and the community; setting priorities for interagency projects; and implementing collaborative programs, public and private, to better serve children and youth.

2005 will mark the 19th annual conference. Professionals from the following fields have consistently attended this conference, making the event one of the Inland Empire's premier training conferences for Human Services professionals:

- Social workers / Child Welfare Professionals
- Teachers and School Administrators
- Parents and Volunteers
- Counselors and Child Advocates
- Health Care and Mental Health Professionals
- Law Enforcement and Safety Personnel
- Parents, Foster Parents and Kinship Providers
- Family Law Community
- Case Managers and Child Care Workers
- Child Abuse Prevention Councils
- Board Members / Public Officials
- Clergy and Faith-Based Organizations

All individuals who serve children and families!

Call for Proposals

Each year, the Children's Network annual conference brings together hundreds of professionals in the Human Services, Safety, Law Enforcement and Education fields to improve services to children and families.

The Children's Network invites Presenters to submit workshops on any of the following topics:

- Child Protection/Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment
- Child and At-Risk Youth Issues: Medical, Psychological, Behavioral, Learning, Social, Transitioning
- Youth Violence/Substance Abuse Treatment
- Law Enforcement/Legal Issues/Conflict Resolutions
- Mandated Reporting/Advocacy Issues and Strategies
- Kinship Care/Guardianship/Reunification/Adoption
- Family Strengths/Fatherhood Initiatives
- Culture, Ethnicity and Race
- Child Development/Education/Learning Disabilities
- Creative Funding and Grant-Writing
- Research: Lessons Learned, Recommendations, Data / Assessment Tools
- Legislation and Policy: Federal, State, Local

Presentation Submission Guidelines

The following items must be submitted by **March 18, 2005** (submissions received after the due date **will not** be considered without prior approval): Remember to complete and submit all items to have your submission considered. You may e-mail, fax or mail in your proposal.

- ☒ **Presentation Description**
- ☒ **Presentation Abstract**
- ☒ **Lead Presenter and Co-Presenter Biography**
- ☒ **Lead Presenter and Co-Presenter Resume or Curriculum Vitae**

Submission Address

Children's Network
Call for Proposals—19th Annual Conference
385 N. Arrowhead Avenue, 2nd Floor
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0049

Notification

Notification of whether your proposal has been selected and all subsequent correspondence will be sent only to the Primary Presenter. It is the responsibility of the Primary Presenter to inform any other Presenters of all written and oral communications.

Selection Criteria

Proposals will be selected on their relevance to the conference theme, engaging format, style, clarity, content, originality, ability to be replicated, cultural competence and interest to the target audience. Special attention will be given to ensuring cultural and geographical diversity and public and private agency representation. Presentations that highlight effective program models, allow for audience interaction, showcase public/private partnerships, excellence in training programs, interdisciplinary models, creative policy strategies and approaches that provide participants with information and guidance to support their work in the field, are desired.

Presentation Description (300 words maximum)

Please provide/attach a typed detailed description of your presentation. Items 1-6 must clearly include: (Items 7-9 are optional)

1. Presentation goals/desired outcomes
2. Presentation learning objectives
3. Comprehensive logical outline/overview of agenda
4. Relevance to the conference attendees/targeted audience
5. Presentation methods/format (lecture, discussion, group exercises, hands-on activities, role-play, questions & answers, degree of participant involvement)
6. Description of materials distributed
7. Post-test (Optional)
8. Handout materials (Optional)
9. Bibliography (Optional)

Please include any multi-media enhancements you use in your workshop. Accounts of this or similar presentations you have delivered may also be helpful.

Presentation Abstract (80 words maximum)

Please provide/attach a typed, brief but comprehensive, description of the proposed presentation suitable for publication in the conference registration brochure and the conference program. This description may be edited for consistent style and space. The description must include:

- ☒ Topic
- ☒ Presentation learning objectives/goals
- ☒ Content
- ☒ Presentation methods/format
- ☒ Level of knowledge/skill needed. Please make it engaging, participatory and informative!

Multiple Proposals

Presenters are encouraged to submit more than one proposal, in any area of expertise.

Workshop Length

All workshops will be 60 minutes in length.

Workshop Format

You are encouraged to use an appropriate variety of teaching methods!

- Panel / Presentation
- Interactive Presentation
- Skill-Building Training

Intended Audience

Please indicate the intended audience that your presentation targets, including skill level.

Handouts

We invite you to provide written materials for your workshop. The Children's Network Conference Committee will reproduce all copies for you free of charge, providing that they are submitted within the timeframes given. Your handouts will be included in a CD-ROM which will be given to all attendees. Handouts must be submitted electronically in MS Word or PowerPoint programs.

Presenter Information

Lead Presenter Information

Name	
Title	
Degree/License/Certificate	
Organization/Agency	
Address	
City/State/Zip Code	
Phone Number	
Fax Number	
E-Mail	
Previous Children's Network Conference Presenter?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, which year(s)? _____ <input type="checkbox"/> No

Additional Presenter Information (List any other presenters on a separate piece of paper with same contact information)

Name	
Title	
Degree/License/Certificate	
Organization/Agency	
Address	
City/State/Zip Code	
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E-Mail	
Previous Children's Network Conference Presenter?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, which year(s)? _____ <input type="checkbox"/> No

Lead Presenter Biography - Expertise and professional activities of Lead Presenter (1/2 Page maximum)

Please include information about current and past positions and experience in your field of expertise. Also include information about previous presentations at similar conferences. Attach current biographical summary, resume or Curriculum Vita.

Additional Presenter Biography - Expertise and professional activities of Additional Presenter (1/2 Page maximum)

Please include information about current and past positions and experience in your field of expertise. Also include information about previous presentations at similar conferences. Attach current biographical summary/resume or Curriculum Vita.

Registration

Compensation for workshop presenters will be in the form of a complimentary conference registration for up to two (2) presenters only. Additional presenters will be required to register for the conference at the published rate.

Conference Workshop Categories (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Health and Safety
- ☐ Law Enforcement/Family Violence
- ☐ Community Resources
- ☐ Cultural Competence
- ☐ Counseling/Intervention Strategies
- ☐ Child Development and Education
- ☐ Professional Development
- ☐ Parenting
- ☐ Other _____

Audio/Visual Requests (check all that apply)

Note: This is a request only. You will be notified whether the equipment can be reserved for you. Please help us control costs by requesting only necessary items. Notify us ASAP if your plans or needs change. Due to increased costs, last minute audio-visual requests cannot be granted.

- ☐ Flip Chart
- ☐ Overhead Projector
- ☐ VHS Player and Monitor
- ☐ LCD Projector
- ☐ Laptop Computer
- ☐ Internet Connection
- ☐ CD Player
- ☐ Other _____

Room Size and Room Set-up Preferences

Rooms are set up in theater or classroom style. If you have special needs and require a different room set-up, please let us know. Classroom size will vary from approximately 30 - 50 participants.

Volunteers

Help us make next year's event even better!! If you are interested in volunteering at the 18th Annual Children's Network Conference on September 21 & 22, 2005, please check our website at www.sbcounty.gov/childnet for an application after the first of the year, or for more information please contact the Children's Network at (909) 387-8966.

Exhibitor/Resource Tables

Thank you to all the organizations who showed interest in exhibiting during our 18th Annual Children's Network Conference. Professionals from fields such as education, medicine, social work, nursing, law enforcement, safety, childcare and counseling are among those who make the Children's Network conference #1 on their calendars every year. The diversity of this audience provides a panorama of potential customers and clients for each and every exhibitor.

If you are looking for an extremely economical and effective way to attract the attention of our attendees, the Resource Tables are for you. Our attendees can browse your materials between workshops, and take them to share with their colleagues and clients.

Due to overwhelming response and limitation of space respond first come first serve....

It is our hope that you will join us for this fun, informative event in Ontario in September 2005. We look forward to seeing you there!

Thank You to all of our Past Sponsors and Collaborative Partners

The Children's Network Conference is a collaborative effort between:

- ☛ San Bernardino County Children's Network
- ☛ Children's Fund
- ☛ San Bernardino County Department of Public Health
- ☛ Community Action Partnership
- ☛ Arrowhead Regional Medical Center
- ☛ San Bernardino County Department of Children's Services
- ☛ San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health
- ☛ San Bernardino County Office of Alcohol & Drug Prevention
- ☛ San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools
- ☛ Housing Authority of San Bernardino County

In Cooperation with the City of Ontario and the Ontario Convention Center.

For information on becoming a sponsor, please contact Susan Melanson at (909) 387-8966.



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